

Senate Study Bill 1007 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON ZAUN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing county attorneys and assistant county attorneys
2 to obtain a professional permit to carry weapons.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.6, Code 2019, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **724.6 Professional permit to carry weapons.**

4 1. a. A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons when
5 the person's employment in a private investigation business
6 or private security business licensed under [chapter 80A](#), or a
7 person's employment as a peace officer, correctional officer,
8 county attorney, assistant county attorney, security guard,
9 bank messenger or other person transporting property of a value
10 requiring security, or in police work, reasonably justifies
11 that person going armed.

12 b. The permit shall be on a form prescribed and published by
13 the commissioner of public safety, shall identify the holder,
14 and shall state the nature of the employment requiring the
15 holder to go armed. A permit so issued, other than to a peace
16 officer, county attorney, or assistant county attorney, shall
17 authorize the person to whom it is issued to go armed anywhere
18 in the state, only while engaged in the employment, and while
19 going to and from the place of the employment.

20 c. A permit issued to a certified peace officer, county
21 attorney, or assistant county attorney shall authorize that
22 peace officer, county attorney, or assistant county attorney to
23 go armed anywhere in the state at all times, including on the
24 grounds of a school.

25 d. Permits shall expire twelve months after the date when
26 issued except that permits issued to peace officers, and
27 correctional officers, county attorneys, and assistant county
28 attorneys are valid through the ~~officer's~~ person's period of
29 employment unless otherwise canceled. When the employment is
30 terminated, the holder of the permit shall surrender it to the
31 issuing officer for cancellation.

32 2. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), fire fighters, as defined
33 in [section 411.1, subsection 10](#), airport fire fighters included
34 under [section 97B.49B](#), ~~and~~ emergency medical care providers,
35 as defined in [section 147A.1](#), county attorneys, as defined in

1 section 331.751, and assistant county attorneys, as defined
2 in section 331.757, shall not, as a condition of employment,
3 be required to obtain a permit under this section. However,
4 the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person
5 designated as an arson investigator by the chief fire officer
6 of a political subdivision.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 Under Code section 724.6, a person may be issued a
11 professional permit to carry weapons when the person's
12 employment in a private investigation business or private
13 security business, or a person's employment as a peace officer,
14 correctional officer, security guard, bank messenger or other
15 person transporting property of a value requiring security, or
16 in police work, reasonably justifies that person going armed.
17 This bill amends Code section 724.6 to allow county attorneys
18 and assistant county attorneys to obtain a professional permit
19 to carry weapons. A professional permit to carry weapons
20 issued to a county attorney or assistant county attorney
21 authorizes that person to go armed anywhere in the state at all
22 times, including on the grounds of a school. Permits issued
23 to county attorneys and assistant county attorneys are valid
24 through that person's period of employment unless otherwise
25 cancelled. The bill provides that county attorneys and
26 assistant county attorneys, as a condition of their employment,
27 shall not be required to obtain a professional permit to carry
28 weapons.